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Humidity...64, 65.

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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE REBELLION.

[Service To The "Telegraph"]

REBELS CHECKED.

Bombay, Oct. 19, 7.45 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Hankow, telegraphing at four in the afternoon, states that desultory firing continues immediately behind the town.
It is reported that between 200 and 300 rebels have been killed and wounded. The Imperial losses are placed at a lower figure.

REBELS DISORGANISED.

The rebels, it appears, became disorganised while crossing the river.
They are mostly of good heart but complain of imperfect leadership.
Another trainload of Imperial troops has arrived.

GERMANS DOUBTFUL.

Durban, Oct. 19, 12.15 a.m.
Latest advices from Berlin throw doubt upon the report that Germans were engaged in fighting a mob at Hankow.
In any case, the affair is regarded as of a very trivial character.

FATE OF NANKING.

Durban, Oct. 18, 8.45 a.m.
Reuter's Peking correspondent reports that the American Consul at Nanking telegraphs that the fall of Nanking is imminent and requests the despatch of a warship.

REBEL CLEMENCY.

According to Reuter's Hankow correspondent the slaughter of Manchus has apparently ceased.
The revolutionaries have issued a proclamation ordering that all should be spared who submit.

REPUBLICAN PROPAGANDA.

Two Republican newspapers have been started at Hankow.

KIUKIANG INVESTED.

A revolutionary force is outside Kiukiang and has summoned the town to surrender.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE REBELLION.

THE HANKOW FIGHTING.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Reuter's Berlin correspondent states that it is understood that other foreign bluejackets besides German participated in the street fighting at Hankow.

BATTLE STARTED.

Bombay, Oct. 19, 1.5 a.m.
A message from Hankow states that a battle has started.
The revolt is spreading to Kiukiang, Huangchow, Hsienghai and other places.
Indiscriminate firing is proceeding, in the vicinity of Seven Mile Creek, from big and small guns.

REBELS' STRENGTH.

Reuter's special correspondent at Hankow proceeded in a launch to the fighting line alongside Admiral Sir Sah Chen-ping's gunboat.
He found that two thousand imperialists were opposing ten thousand rebels.

BRISK FIRING.

Admiral Sir Sah Chen-ping ordered his warships to land forces, upon which the revolutionaries brought up an opposing force and opened fire.
This was answered from the Admiral's war vessels.
The foreign warships have landed parties.

INDECISIVE BATTLE.

The battle has had an indecisive result. The rebels temporarily drove back the Imperialists until their ammunition was exhausted. They are now retiring upon the Wuohang rebels' fighting line.

PEKING REBELS.

It is estimated that two thousand Peking rebels are advancing on the Han River and have endeavoured to take Chang Piu's camp in the rear.

CONSULTING AUTHORITIES.

It is announced that Admiral Sir Sah Chen-ping and Li Yuan-heng are negotiating with the competent authorities.
They consider that inactivity has jeopardised the chances of the revolutionaries.

BRITISH ATTACHES.

The British Military and Naval Attaches have proceeded to Hankow.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE REBELLION.

GREAT IMPERIAL VICTORY.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Durban, Oct. 19, 7 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Peking states that the Government asserts that the Imperialists have won a great victory at Hankow and captured the railway station, where reinforcements are rapidly detaining.

EUROPEAN PRESS CAUTIOUS.

Bombay, Oct. 19, 7.45 a.m.
The attitude of the European Press regarding the situation in China is one of extreme caution.
There is undoubtedly some undercurrent of sympathy with the rebels if only because it is felt that the revolt must lead to a reformed Government.

The recall of Yuan Shih-kai is taken as evidence of the impending reform.

The newspapers are agreed in strongly deprecating foreign intervention unless foreigners in China or treaty rights are attacked.

BRITISH ACTION.

The Foreign Office informs Reuter that British action in China will be limited to protecting British subjects.

BRITAIN AND EGYPT.

UNFOUNDED REPORT.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]
Bombay, Oct. 19, 7.45 a.m.
The Foreign Office informs Reuter that the report that Britain intends to annex Egypt is totally unfounded.

BRILLIANT WEDDING.

IN LONDON.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]
Durban, Oct. 18, 8.30 p.m.
At St. Peter's, Eaton Square, London, to-day, the wedding took place of Earl Percy and Lady Gordon-Lennox.
The wedding was quite the most brilliant of the year. Amongst the wedding presents were those from their Majesties, King George and Queen Mary.
Earl Percy is son and heir of the Duke of Northumberland. Lady Gordon-Lennox is the daughter of the Duke of Richmond.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

A STIFF DUTY.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Bombay, Oct. 19, 7.45 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople reports that a decree has been issued imposing an import duty of 100 per cent. ad valorem on Italian merchandise.

TURKISH FLEET SAILS.

Bombay, Oct. 18, 3 p.m.
Telegrams from Vienna state that the Constantinople correspondent of the "Die Zeit" says that the Turkish Fleet has left the Bosphorus to protect the harbours of the Epirus.

FRANCE TAKES PRECAUTIONS.

Telegrams from Toulon state that the cruiser "León Gambetta" has sailed for Tripoli, to protect French interests.

TURKS IN TRIPOLI.

It is stated at Rome that Munir Pasha, the Turkish Commander in Tripoli, has been deposed by his troops and replaced by Nesciat Bey.

The Turkish officers subsequently held a conference. Some urged marching towards Tunis, but Nesciat Bey insisted upon a continuance of resistance.

TURKEY'S NEW POLICY.

Durban, Oct. 18, 12.20 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople states that the Grand Vizier, in a statement of policy made in the Turkish Chamber, declared Turkey's intention to defend the rights of the Ottoman Empire at all costs.

He announced that in order to safeguard the interests of the country it was proposed to modify the policy hitherto pursued and to seek alliances.

A SECRET SITTING.

He was prepared, he said, to furnish explanations regarding Tripoli at a secret sitting which is now proceeding.

HOMS OCCUPIED.

Durban, Oct. 18, 12.15 a.m.
It is reported from Tripoli that General Ganeva who commands the expeditionary force, has sent troops, escorted by warships, to occupy Homs, fifty miles to the east.
[Homs, Hama, or Hama, is a city of Syria, near the right bank of the Orontes. Anciently it was celebrated for the worship of the sun.]

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

RISING IN PORTUGAL.

ROYALISTS ACTIVE.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Bombay, Oct. 19, 1.5 a.m.
It is reported from Lisbon that Royalist bands are advancing on the frontier by means of forced marches.

They are reported to be concentrating on Salgueiros, in the mountains of Gerez, where they are already a thousand strong.

A Republican force of lancers and infantry are in pursuit of the Royalists.

GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY.

TABOOED TOPICS.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Durban, Oct. 18, 8.45 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Berlin states that the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, in a letter to the President of the Reichstag, states that he is willing to answer interpellations regarding foreign policy, but the Government is not able to make statements in regard to Morocco and Tripoli.

The Chancellor mentions the continuous exchange of views proceeding between the Powers with the view of ending the war between Italy and Turkey.

CHANCELLOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

Durban, Oct. 18, 8.30 p.m.
Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, Imperial Chancellor and Prussian Premier, speaking in the Reichstag, promised that an opportunity should be given for discussing foreign affairs before the close of this session.

OBITUARY.

COL. T. M. SANDYS.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]
Durban, Oct. 18, 8.30 p.m.
The death is announced of Col. Thomas Myles Sandys, M.P. for the Bootle Division of Lancashire. Col. Sandys was born in 1837, and served in the Indian Mutiny.

MATTHEW HODDER.

The death has taken place of Mr. Matthew Hodder, a member of the famous publishing firm of Hodder and Stoughton.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

LIBERTE DISASTER.

STARTLING STATEMENT.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Durban, Oct. 19, 7 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that the Budget Committee Chamber reporter said that the official inquiry into the disaster to the Liberte showed that the powder which caused the disaster was older than the marks on the cases showed.

TROUBLED RUSSIA.

A NOTABLE ASSASSINATED.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Durban, Oct. 18, 8.45 a.m.
Reuter's St. Petersburg correspondent states that a telegram from Novocheerkassk, the capital of the Don Cossacks, reports that Prince Trubetzkoi, a Councillor of the Empire, has been fatally shot by a student, who was a relation of the Prince.

CANADIAN CENSUS.

LARGE INCREASE.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Durban, Oct. 18, 4.35 p.m.
The result of the Canadian census shows the population to be 7,170,000. This is an increase of 1,710,554 during the decade, which is considerably below the increase estimated.

As parliamentary representation is proportionate to population, the Western Provinces gain fifteen members and Ontario three.

HOME POLITICS.

HALSBURY CLUB.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

Durban, Oct. 18, 4.35 p.m.
The formation of the Halsbury Club is the chief topic in Unionist circles in England.
The younger members of the party are most enthusiastic and declare their belief that they have a majority of Unionists in the Commons.

VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN.

They are embarking on a vigorous anti-Home Rule campaign. Many of the Unionists maintain that the Halsburyites are disloyal to Mr. Balfour, but Lord Halsbury to-day specifically denies this.
Lord Halsbury says that he desires to see the co-operation of all Unionists in fighting the cause of Unionism to the utmost of their power.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

HUPEH RISING.

LOYAL REINFORCEMENTS.

Shanghai, Oct. 18.

Admiral Sir Sah Chen-ping with his fleet, arrived at Hankow yesterday, but he has not yet opened hostilities with the rebels.

Loyal troops from various provinces continue to arrive in Hupeh. The present force numbers about 10,000. They will soon have an engagement with the rebels.

POSITION AT HANKOW.

The position of Hankow is very dangerous and both the Chinese and foreign residents are leaving the settlement in large numbers. Yesterday the rebels set fire to the postal bureau, the office of the China Merchant Steam Navigation Company and the Customs station.

YUAN SHIH-KAI.

H.E. Chu Shai-chung and Prince Tsai Chun have paid a personal visit to Yuan Shih-kai at Honan and strongly advised him to give his services to the Government. Yuan accepted their advice, but maintained that the rebels should be dispersed first and suppressed afterwards if they offered resistance. Yuan Shih-kai also insisted that the Throne should issue an Edict reaffirming its sincerity in establishing a Constitutional Government and allow him to reinstate his former staff. All these demands have been agreed to by the Throne. Yuan Shih-kai is now on his way to Hupeh.

The Diplomatic Body at Peking is paying considerable attention to the reinstatement of Yuan Shih-kai. The President of the Ministry of Communications will shortly tender his resignation, as he has repeatedly been attacked by his official colleagues on account of the disturbances in Szechuan and Hupeh. "Sheng Po."

REBEL SUCCESSES.

Shanghai, October 19.
The Consular Body at Shanghai has declared its observance of neutrality in order to mitigate the financial crisis.

At noon yesterday the rebels opened hostilities with the military forces under General Yin Chang.

Wongchow prefecture in Hupeh has been captured by the rebels. The telegraphic bureau and the forts in Wongchow prefecture have been taken possession of by the rebels.

Kiukiang has not been captured as reported, but the situation there is critical. "Shat Po."

Weather Forecast.



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Hongkong, 2nd Sept., 1911. [18]

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CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.
TIME TABLE.

On and after 5th October, 1911, and until further notice.
Previous Time-Tables cancelled.

STATIONS.							STATIONS.						
A.M.	A.M.	Express A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	Express P.M.	A.M.	A.M.	Express A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	Express P.M.	
Canton	7.00	7.55	1.30			5.15	Kowloon	7.00	8.00	11.10	8.55	3.40	
Shek Pak	7.09		1.39				Hung Hom	7.04	8.04	11.14	8.59	3.44	
Che Mei	7.19		1.49				Yau Ma Tei	7.11		11.21		3.51	
Wu Chung	7.23		1.53				Sha Tin	7.20		11.30		3.53	
Nan Kong			1.66				Tai Po	7.24		11.34		3.57	
Sun Tung	7.38		1.88				Tai Po Market	8.00		12.14		4.00	
Tung Mei	8.05						Fan Ling	8.08	8.45	12.18	3.10	4.04	
Nea Yee	8.11		2.01				Shun Chui	Stop	8.55	1.00	3.15	4.09	
Sien Tsun	8.22		2.52				Pu Kut		9.00	1.14			
Shek Ha	8.33		3.09				Li Lung		9.09	1.23			
Shek Tai	8.42		3.18				Ping Wu		9.33	1.38			
Shek Lok Kiu	8.48	9.31	3.25			11	Tin Tong Wah		9.44	1.49			
Shek Wai	8.58	9.31	3.35			13.37	Shek Kiu		9.51	1.56			
Sai Wai	Stop		7.39	10.01		4.00	Tong Tau Ha		10.00	2.05			
Nan Shui			7.57				Lam Tin		10.08	2.13			
Wang Luk			8.01				Cheung Mak Tau		10.13	2.26			
Sheung Ping & dep. Mak Lam			8.11				Ta Tung		10.18	2.41			
Ta Tung			8.21				Sheungping and Mak Lam		10.47	3.50			
Cheung Mak Tau dep. & Shek Mei			8.35			5.06	Wang Luk		10.57	3.01			
Lam Tin			8.50				Nan Shui		11.09	3.13			
Tong Tau Ha			8.59				Sai Wai		11.20	3.24			
Shek Kiu			9.07				Shek Lung	9.30	11.36	3.30	4.00	5.13	
Tin Tong Wah			9.24				Shek Lok Lau	9.41				5.18	
Ping Wu			9.32				Shek Tai	9.48					
Li Lung			9.44				Shek Ha	9.57					
Pu Kut			9.56				Sien Tsun	10.03					
Nea Yee		11.20	10.03			6.30	Tung Mei	10.09					
Shun Chui		11.30	Stop			6.35	Nga Yee						
Fan Ling	11.13	11.43		4.1	5.15		Tong Mei						
Tai Po Market	9.37	11.57		4.34	5.37		Sun Tung						
Tai Po	9.40	12.03		4.40	5.43		Nan Kong						
	10.09	12.19		5.03	6.05		Wu Chung						
Yau Ma Tei	10.21	12.31		5.21	6.24		Che Mei						
Hung Hom	10.27	12.37		5.27	Stop		Sha Tin						
Kowloon	10.30	12.30		5.30		7.22	Shek Tong (Tai Shi) ar.	11.30	1.23				
Passengers for Shun Chui and British Section continue by 7.55 a.m.							Passengers from Intermediate Stations between Shun Chui and Shek Lung and for Canton only continue by 8 a.m.						
Passengers for British Section continue by 7.59 a.m.							Passengers for Station beyond Shek Lung continue by 8 a.m.						
Passengers for Shun Chui and British Section continue by 8.15 p.m.							Passengers for Station beyond Shek Lung continue by 8 p.m.						

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Hongkong, 14th October, 1910. [28]

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1911.

THE BUDGET.

In view of the fact that the annual review of the Colony's progress by His Excellency the Governor has only just been given it is naturally impossible to consider it in detail at this stage. The speech is a monument of careful preparation, and it is doubtful, if, notwithstanding its length, it would have been possible for anyone to have compressed more solid information into the space. Sir Frederick Lugard, wisely if we may be allowed to say so, eschewed what is commonly called oratory and practically confined himself to the presentation of hard facts in a clear and easily understandable manner. This is largely a commercial community and, though we appreciate the higher flights of speech with which His Excellency favours us on appropriate occasions, we are grateful to him for the restraint which characterized this speech, which was devoted almost exclusively to material matters.

And yet, when we have said this, we must not forget to add that the silken thread of optimism that runs through the web of the speech, gives it the relief that was wanted to secure a closer approximation to perfection. It must be gratifying to every resident to know that in spite of numerous obstacles and disadvantages the Colony is holding its financial own. The optimum policy of the Imperial Government brought the Colonial authorities face to face with a problem the solution of which was not easy. As has often been pointed out, this was one of those cases in which the one who has the privilege of calling the tune does not pay the piper. The British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, which is a work of Imperial importance, has put a heavy strain upon this Colony, a fact that should be borne in mind when the question of the Military Contribution is considered. But, in spite of dislocation of its methods of revenue raising, and exceptionally heavy charges the Colony is able to present a favourable balance sheet, and there is no occasion, at least for the present, for additional taxation.

The note of satisfaction that could be heard in the speech is entirely justified. The record is a good one, and Sir Frederick can justifiably take pride in the fact that under his rule the Colony has surmounted difficulties and advanced far upon the Road of Progress. We feel sure that, to borrow a commercial simile, the Chairman of the Colony's Directors will receive a hearty vote of thanks from the shareholders; in other words the residents.

With the Estimates generally we shall concern ourselves later.

DAY BY DAY.

National hatreds are always strongest where culture is lowest.

Owing to pressure on our space, the Share List, Shipping, Mail Notices, etc., which usually appear on page 8 are published to-day in a supplement.

Mrs. C. A. Anderson will in future be "At Home" at Head Quarters House on Thursday afternoons instead of Wednesday as heretofore.

A carpenter for throwing bottles into the harbour to prevent their seizure was sent to prison for six weeks at the Magistracy this morning.

A man for stealing a candle worth ten cents from the Naval Yard has to go to gaol for a month with hard labour.

To-day the two leaders, who were charged with disorderly behaviour in connection with the flag incident which was reported in our columns yesterday appeared before Mr. Hazeland. They were sentenced to seven days' hard labour.

On behalf of the German Government the German Consul presented Capt. Forsyth with a gold watch at the Harbour Office this morning for the services he rendered to the German str. Lydia in Sept. of last year. Capt. Forsyth was instrumental in saving life on this occasion.

Router's agency informs us that in Hongkong the Chinese celebrations on the Confucius birthday were marked by the fact that the Dragon Flag was totally absent from public decorations and that there were shouts of "Down with the Manchus." For once in a way Router is telling us something we knew before.

At the Marine Court this morning three junk masters were summoned for making fast to the str. Anali Maru while she was under weigh in the Harbour on October 6. From the evidence it appeared that no fewer than thirteen junks made fast and the master of the ship had to be dropped earlier than was intended, with the result that she had to make a foul berth. A fine of \$20 was imposed or in default a month's hard labour.

Trafalgar Day. Saturday, October 21, is Trafalgar Day, and in celebration of the occasion a concert is to be given in the Sailors' Home, Arsenal St. The programme has been arranged by Eng. Lieut. E. C. Smith, R.N. The concert will begin at 8 p.m.

Cricket. A match will be played on the Hongkong C. C. ground on Saturday, Oct. 21, between the H. C. C. and the 1st K. O. Y. I. I. Play begins at 2.15 p.m. sharp. The following will represent the Club:—R. Hancock, T. E. Pearson, H. Hancock, J. W. Stephenson, J. H. R. Makin, C. Baker, A. J. Dashiwood, D. E. Donnelly, W. E. Warburton, A. O. Leith, H. M. Webb and M. M. Mass.

Garrison Orders announce that Gun Practice will be carried out as follows:—24th inst.—From Pinewood and L. Belohers in a N. to W. direction, from 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 27th inst.—From L. Belohers in a N. to W. direction, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above dates, practice will take place on following day.

Fire at Canton. A telegram, dated to-day from Canton, was received by the "Shat Po" as follows:—At 2 a.m. this morning a large fire occurred in Chuantong, the locality occupied by hotels and licensed houses. The fire was extinguished at 4 a.m. Over forty houses were burnt down.

Typhoon Warning. The following telegrams were received by the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 10.10 p.m. and 12.35 p.m. to-day:—Cyclone or typhoon E.S.E. of Guam; direction unknown.

Cyclone or typhoon E.S.E. of Guam, moving W. or W.N.W.

Sir Paul Chater. The community will welcome back Sir Paul Chater, who with Lady Chater arrived to-day by the G. M. str. York. Sir Paul has filled so large a place in the life of the Colony that he has been greatly missed. A large party went off to the York to meet him.

Criminal Sessions. The Criminal Sessions were resumed at the Supreme Court this morning, the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Gompertz, presiding. Lui Sze and Chan Sze were indicted on charges of alleged armed robbery at Sam Wong village on August 2 last. Evidence was called and two prisoners were remanded.

CANTON NEWS.

(The "Telegraph" Correspondent.)

Canton, October 18. H. E. the Viceroy is in receipt of a telegram from the Admiralty ordering the Chinese cruiser Haiyang to proceed to Shanghai to wait for orders. The Chinese cruiser Haiyang is to remain in Canton for the present.

A number of Japanese editors will pay a visit to Canton, in the near future, from Formosa. The Osaka Shosen Kaisha, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the Bank of Taiwan and other Japanese firms will hold a reception at which the visitors will be introduced to their Chinese conferees.

A farmer, a native of the Pan U district, was knocked down and killed by an engine on the Canton-Kowloon railway some days ago. The magistrate for the district has sent an official to the spot to hold an enquiry.

COMPANY MEETING.

Hongkong Cotton S.W. & D. Co., Ltd.

The following is a précis of the meeting of the Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Ltd., held at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., to-day. The full report is held over. Mr. J. G. B. Sayer, a shareholder, asked a number of searching questions. The report, as read by the Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, stated that the mill had been closed since the 31st of December last, principally on account of the closing of the outlet for their goods in Manchuria. With the improvements in the trade, and the decreasing prices of cotton, it was hoped that the Hongkong mill would enjoy a renewed period of prosperity, and he assured the shareholders that every effort was being made towards that end.

Mr. Sayer's questions dealt with the loss sustained, and also with the election of the consulting committee. He asked if the remuneration of the committee, \$3,000, was not considered an excessive sum. The Chairman thought not, and said that as representing about 99,000 out of a total of 125,000 shares, he would be loath to suggest that the remuneration should be withheld. In answer to a further question, the Chairman said the General Managers were not prepared to elect a consulting committee on the system of sending a printed list of names round to the shareholders to receive for their services \$250 per annum. The average monthly expenses of the mill since it had been closed were \$9,000.02.

On the motion of Ho Fook, seconded by Lo Cheung-shin, the appointment of Mr. A. A. Fyfe to act as auditor during the absence of Mr. Percy Smith was confirmed, and Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and H. Percy Smith were elected auditors for the ensuing year.

The Chairman said that all the business gentlemen, dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow morning and may be obtained on application.

COMPANY MEETING.

Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.

The thirtieth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., was held at noon to-day at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., the Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross presiding. Those present were:—Messrs. H. P. White and D. W. Craddock, members of the consulting committee, Messrs. G. H. Medhurst, F. Smythe, G. Hastings, T. Hunter, Ho Fook, Chiu Sun, Lo Cheung-shin, Wong Lau-hin and the Secretary, Mr. E. C. Emmott.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting the Chairman said:—

The report and accounts having been in your hands for some time, I will, with your permission, take them as read.

Before referring in detail to these accounts, I should like to quote you a review of the marine insurance year in question by a well known insurance paper, which opens with the following significant remarks:—

"The year 1910 has gone down into the limbo of the past, and from a marine insurance point of view there will be few to mourn its decease. Losses have been numerous and heavy, and though in several directions rates have been advanced materially, he would be a sanguine man who would forecast that when accounts are closed this year will prove to have been a profitable one for Underwriters."

"Having due regard to these pessimistic views I think you will agree with me that the figures we are able to put before you are not unsatisfactory, our loss ratio being 68.95 per cent, and commission and charges 15.27 per cent of our premium income, full provision having been made for all further anticipated claims."

The working account for the year 1910, you will see, closes to date with a credit balance of \$479,635.08. This is about \$25,000 less than the previous year, but a careful analysis of the account will show that the actual result, including all payments on account of previous years, is \$42,838 better, which I arrive at in the following manner:—

If you refer to the balance of Working Account for 1909 you will see this closes with a credit of \$504,461.63

Plus Amount at Credit of Underwriting Suspense Account at close of that year \$720.10

Total \$505,181.73

Then if you refer to the balance of working account for 1910 you will see that it is \$479,635.08

Plus amount at credit of underwriting suspense account at close of that year 68,383.54

\$548,019.22

The comparison of the two years in this way is justified, because the amount at credit of underwriting suspense account, including appropriation, at the commencement of each year was almost identical, i.e., about \$302,000 in 1909, and \$305,000 in 1910.

There being no questions the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. G. H. Medhurst seconded and remarked: "I entirely agree with the policy of the Chairman with regard to the underwriting suspense account."

The motion was carried.

Wong Leung-hin proposed the re-election of Sir Paul Chater and Mr. H. P. White to the consulting committee. Chan San seconded and the proposition was carried.

On the motion of Ho Fook, seconded by Lo Cheung-shin, the appointment of Mr. A. A. Fyfe to act as auditor during the absence of Mr. Percy Smith was confirmed, and Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and H. Percy Smith were elected auditors for the ensuing year.

The Chairman said that all the business gentlemen, dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow morning and may be obtained on application.

You will now see the wisdom of the inauguration of underwriting suspense account, and the justification for the large amounts we have carried to its credit during the last four years, inasmuch as your Committee are now enabled to recommend a small increase in the dividend, despite a slight decrease in the result of "Working Account #10."

When underwriting suspense account was inaugurated in 1907, the then chairman explained the necessity for it very fully, but I think the present is a very opportune time to emphasize the necessity of gradually bringing it up to an even more substantial figure than it now stands at. I invite your attention to the following comparison of figures of underwriting suspense account, including appropriation, at commencement and close of the last four years:—

	Commencement.		
1910	Cr. \$305,181.73		
1909	302,709.71		
1908	411,990.07		
1907	289,959.27		
	Clos.		
1910	Cr. \$ 68,383.54		
1909	720.10		
1908	108,499.12		
1907	29,318.04		

Prior to 1907 it was the practice to merely carry forward the credit balance of the year's account, after making the various appropriations, but it was realized that there existed a possibility of this balance not being always sufficient to close the year. Now, however, we are in a position to ascertain more accurately what the requisite amount is likely to be, and, in the opinion of your committee, underwriting suspense account should be gradually strengthened until it is not only adequate to meet an average year's outstanding claims, but to show a substantial Credit Balance at the close of the year, for we must bear in mind the certainty of experiencing a bad year now and again.

It has been stated before, but I may be permitted to remind you that the Canton Office Account for a given year is officially closed after eighteen months' working, but as most of you are aware, a Marine Company's Account for any one year cannot be considered actually closed until the finish of the third year inclusive (that is to say, 1910 may be treated as closed at the end of 1912), and even then there are usually a few outstanding claims owing to litigation or lengthy loss adjustments.

I have gone into the matter at some length being very desirous that you should thoroughly understand the position and see that we are not appropriating more than circumstances demand for the effectual safeguarding of the Office's interests.

We propose this year to carry \$301,226.59 to credit of underwriting account, bringing it up to \$339,610.13 and to inaugurate an investment fluctuation account, appropriating for that purpose the sum of \$18,400.09, that amount having been realized by the sale of Japanese Bonds which we held in excess of Government requirements. Your committee are of opinion that there should be a fund available in case of any depreciation in the securities held by the office, and that items such as the one in question should rightly be placed to its credit.

Since we last met three changes have occurred in the Membership of your Board; we have to record with regret the death of Sir H. N. Mody, and Messrs. G. W. Barton and W. Logan have resigned, the vacancies thus caused being filled by the appointment of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., and Messrs. H. P. White and E. Shellim.

The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and Alexander A. Fyfe, C.A., the latter gentleman having been appointed by the Consulting Committee to act during the absence on leave of Mr. H. Percy Smith, and the appointment requires your confirmation.

Securities.—These all stand in our books at considerably less than the market value at present quotations.

Mortgages.—Our Shareholders in Hongkong and Shanghai report that the values of property mortgaged to the office show a substantial margin over amounts advanced.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Budget Speech.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon, when there were present:—

H. E. the Governor Sir Frederick John Dealtry Lugard, K.C.M.G., O.B., D.S.O.

Hon. Mr. W. D. Barnes (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett.

Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown (Registrar General).

Hon. Capt. F. W. Lyons (Capt. Supt. of Police).

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. Wai Yuk, C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

Hon. Mr. C. Montague Ede.

Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

Mr. C. Clementi (Clerk of Councils).

The New Committee. His Excellency said that in accordance with Standing Order 47, he appointed the following committees to act during the ensuing year:—

Finance Committee.—The whole of the Council with the exception of himself.

Public Works.—Hon. Colonial Treasurer, Hon. Director of Public Works, Hon. Wai Yuk, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross and Hon. Mr. O. M. Ede.

Law Committee.—Hon. Attorney-General, Chairman, Hon. Registrar General, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., and Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett.

Question Time. The following questions were asked by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock:—

1. Has the Government received any, and, if so, what reply from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the unanimous request of the Unofficial Member, made in this Council on the 1st of June last, that the Military Contribution be fixed at the annual sum of some million dollars?

2. Will the Government lay upon the table the correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Secretary of State and vice versa in connection with the aforesaid request?

3. Can the Government give the Council any further information with reference to the establishment of a wireless telegraph station in this Colony?

4. When will the detailed returns of the Census, which was taken in May, be published?

The replies given by the Hon. Colonial Secretary were as follow:—

1. The answer is in the negative.

2. The permission of the Secretary of State to publish this correspondence has been requested.

3. H. E. the Governor has only to-day received a reply from the Chamber of Commerce to a number of questions on this subject, which were asked with a view to obtaining certain definite information. His Excellency is also still in correspondence with the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the matter; the correspondence being, as the Council will recognize, necessarily of a confidential nature. His Excellency has, however, reason to hope that the issue will be satisfactory.

4. The complete census report will be laid before the Council early in November. The census officer reports that it is now ready with the exception of certain totals of Occupation and Birthplace.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of a bill entitled "An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding five million, eight hundred and ninety-seven thousand, seven hundred and seventy-one dollars to the Public Service of the year 1912."

The Hon. Attorney-General seconded.

THE BUDGET SPEECH. His Excellency—in laying before the Council the Estimates for the coming year, I shall endeavour to afford a full explanation of all important changes and of the reasons which have led to them.

In doing so I must, if necessary, ask your patience in dealing with figures, but I shall quote them as little as possible, the figures I desire to avail myself of this annual opportunity of explaining to the Council and the community the progress made in various departments of administration. The first and important point on which you will desire information is:—What is the general financial position of the Colony as shown by the estimates? Speaking at the Jubilee dinner of the Chamber of Commerce last April, I ventured the forecast that "so far as the Colonial Budget is concerned, we may hope that we have surmounted our financial difficulties, satisfactorily and permanently, and placed the revenues on a sound basis to meet our liabilities." I trust that the figures before you will justify that hope. In spite of the increase of pay given to cadets on sterling salaries, and the cost of the scheme for assisted passages to England for subordinate officers, in spite of an extra tax to be provided for Postal transit charges and about one and a half lacs in railway expenditure, the total estimated expenditure exclusive of Public Works Extraordinary is almost a million dollars less than the estimated revenue. Of this a lac derived from the special light dues is earmarked for the typhoon refugio, but we are left with fully the average sum for expenditure on capital works, and the programme of these is as large as our P.W.D. staff can properly supervise. This result is one upon which I venture to congratulate the Council since we are for the time since the construction of the railway was undertaken, facing our full, and indeed our maximum recurrent expenditure in the form of interest and sinking fund on the loan for this great undertaking. I confess that in past years I have somewhat dreaded the day when this full liability for the service of the loan in addition to running expenses and maintenance would have to be faced, and it is a matter of congratulation that it has not necessitated the imposition of any fresh taxation, or any invasion upon our reserve funds, which, as I shall presently explain, remain at a very high and constantly increasing figure. If, as we all anticipate, the receipts from the railway increase so each year, we may reasonably hope that the burden which now, after deducting estimated receipts, stands at 3 3/4 lacs will be steadily reduced.

The Revenue. I will first briefly review the estimates of revenue. The principal increases are as follows:—\$33,000 under the new general assessment, and additional assessments of new building; \$6,500 under Companies local register; \$6,000 under liquor licences; \$4,000 registration of deeds; \$20,000 under medical examination of emigrants; \$5,000 under water supply. Last year's estimate for liquor duties has been retained, viz., \$725,000. The actual receipts in 1910 were only \$327,706, viz., \$212,212 below the estimate. But we expect to realise \$350,000 this year, and as the old stocks held before the duties were instituted are yearly decreasing, and looking to the fact that the scale of duty on Chinese liquors was doubled on March 10 while the rebate is no longer granted to the Services, we anticipate that next year we ought to realise the full amount estimated, and I hope we shall exceed it. Our total revenue from opium and spirits amounts to only half that of the Straits, which has a population of only 65,000 more adults. We lost the contribution of \$27,000 from the Imperial Government towards the expenses of the Postal Agencies in China, the cost of which is now borne by the Home Government, though this Government continues to control them for the present. On the other hand you will observe that a sum of \$127,143 (£12,000) which is recurrent for one more year, only appears as an Imperial contribution for loss on opium revenues consequent on the effect given by this matter. Stamp duties, which had to last year stood constantly at six lacs are shown at \$720,000, a conservative estimate in view of the fact that we realised \$753,886 last year, and I have strong hopes that special means which I am proposing to take to check evasion of this duty may result in a considerable increase. The Public School fees show a decrease of \$2,000 owing to the closing of the two new

primary schools, the fees from which were estimated at \$8,000, a matter which I will more fully explain when I come to deal with expenditure upon education. The decrease of \$2,000 in timber sales is due to expiry of the contract for felling a large area. We have found, by actual experience that the supposed profit from calling areas of timber is fallacious, for it costs more to replant, etc., than we realise, and I do not therefore propose to continue the scheme. The estimated revenue for the railway is put at \$480,000. I can form no idea myself whether this is a liberal or a cautious estimate. You will find a full explanation of details in appendix 2. In class 3, rent of buildings has been increased by \$11,000 to which extent I hope that the taxpayer will benefit, in the shape of interest on the capital outlay involved by adding a third storey to meet further expansion. The sum shown is the rental, we hope to receive until such time as the third floor may be required by Government. The four heads under which revenue from land is shown exhibit an increase of \$13,000, while markets show a steady increase, being \$10,000 over the estimates of 1910, and \$8,000 over the actual receipts. Class 4 is chiefly remarkable for the large increase of \$16,500 in the sum received for conservancy contracts. The total estimated revenue is \$7,677,438 as against \$6,040,269 actually realised last year, and an increase of six lacs over the estimate of the current year.

Expenditure

Under expenditure two higher grade clerkships are created in the Treasury to assist in the formation of an examining branch in conjunction with the local audit of expenditure which I am glad to say has now been instituted. In the Harbour Department, and in a less degree in some other departments a considerable economy estimated at \$4,700 has resulted from placing the purchase and issue of coal for launches under Commander Beckwith, and procuring it under a single contract. The amount now appears under miscellaneous service. Under Observatory provision has been made to continue his salary to the present Director, till the end of June while on leave, as well as for his successor. Mr. Figg will then retire on pension after 29 years of service in this Colony to which his long experience has been of great value. The heading Miscellaneous Services includes a sum of \$2,000 to which I invite the assent of this Council for the expenses of the Congress of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine who will assemble in this Colony between January 20 and 26 next. We desire to afford a most cordial welcome to these representatives of scientific research in a field of investigation so vitally important to each one of us, and I take this opportunity of expressing an earnest hope that the Congress may be well attended, and that its deliberations may prove fruitful and stimulating. There is also a sum of \$9,000 to which I trust that this Council will cordially agree, for the establishment of a Professorial Chair at the University. It will supersede the vote of \$2,500 which has hitherto been granted to the College of Medicine since this institution will now be absorbed by the University. The latter vote has been retained on the estimates this year as the College will continue for a great part of the year, but will not be fully spent. The University vote, should the Council approve, will be paid in full in order to cover cost of Passages, etc. I propose that the sum shown in the estimates shall annually be paid over to the funds of the University, as a recognition by Government on the one hand of the large account subscribed by voluntary contributions towards this project, and on the other hand because the University will greatly benefit the taxpayers of the Colony by affording a means of completing the education of the pupils in the highest classes of our secondary schools. It is not an unduly liberal contribution compared with the \$14,540 per annum which the Straits give to the Medical College there, though their adult population is only some 45,000 in excess of ours. This Govern-

ment recognition, if assented to by this Council, will, I am confident, greatly encourage the Chinese gentlemen who have made such strenuous efforts to promote this scheme. This Miscellaneous Vote is, as I have already said, increased by a sum of \$33,000 for coal and launches which replaces votes to a larger amount hitherto shown under various departments.

Subsidiary Colon

Provision is made for the loss actually incurred by the receipt of revenue paid in subsidiary coins, the discount being estimated at seven per cent. No provision is made for demonetisation, which the Secretary of State and the Lords of the Treasury consider to be an advisable measure, and the cost of which we are at present unable to afford. We may, however, count it to ourselves for righteousness that during the last four years, we have recalled from circulation and melted down silver subsidiary coins to the value of \$5,272,012, and copper to the value of \$255,446, representing a total of over 73,000,000 coins at a cost to the revenue of \$795,758. We shall assist with interest the disclosure of the steps which are about to be taken by China for the reorganisation of her currency under the auspices of the four Powers who have guaranteed a great loan for the purpose, and who will undoubtedly see that it is spent to good purpose. How the measures they may introduce will react on our subsidiary coinage problem in this Colony remains to be seen, and we shall shape our policy accordingly when we know them. The balance of the sum due for the revision of the Ordinances is included. The total net cost after deducting the value of the copies purchased at the Ordinary sale price will be \$5,000 only, and I can personally testify as also can the Law Committee of this Council to the immense amount of time, industry and ability which Sir Francis Pigott has devoted to the work. We are fortunate in having so exceptionally able an editor.

The cost of the assisted passages scheme involves an increase of some \$6,000 in the transport vote, which was previously under-estimated; the actual expenditure last year standing at \$4,000. The police have been increased by the addition of one European sergeant and two lance-sergeants. The Indians decreased by 14 constables and the Chinese increased by 44 police constables; while No. 3 police launch is recommissioned with a full crew. The additions to the strength of the police are made in order to admit of a considerable increase in the detective force, and the division of the whole city and of Kowloon into detective divisions for the better suppression of crime. These measures have already been carried out; the cost this year having been approved by this Council in a supplementary vote, and I think I can already detect a good result. The recommissioning of the launch is in order more effectually to patrol the waters of the Colony, with a view to stopping armed robberies at sea. A new police station has been opened at Tsun Wan, a European police sergeant being withdrawn from Au Tau for this charge. The effect of these changes is to increase the total for salaries by \$17,000, but the total cost of the police, exclusive of fire brigade and prisons, remains the same owing to various economies under other charge votes, and to the transfer of \$13,000 for coal for launches to the head Miscellaneous Services. The charge for the department is roughly 12 per cent. of the revenue of the Colony. Some economies have been effected in the prison staff on the suggestion of the Acting Superintendent of Victoria Gaol, especially the substitution of four Indian for two European warders; and on the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent of Police the \$5,000 voted under Fire Brigade last year for street fire alarms has not been spent. A motor tender with new ladders to enable the firemen to reach the scene of a fire more quickly than is at present possible with coolie drawn carts has been substituted at a cost to be provided next year of \$14,000. The Medical Department shows no change of importance. The Lunatic Asylum is

retained on its present basis, but the question of providing some better accommodation for its increasing numbers is engaging my attention. The grant to the Tung Wa Hospital for medicines, hitherto an elastic amount is increased by \$1,000, and \$2,500 is now fixed as a maximum. The Sanitary Department continues its policy of substituting direct control for the unwieldy contracts which it is difficult to supervise. The total of the salaries is thereby increased to a small amount by the engagement of extra bullock drivers and launch men in order to effect a much larger decrease in the contracts which appear under other charges. The total estimated expenditure in this department has now fallen to \$341,000 with an increase of efficiency due to improved methods and to the constant supervision and thought given by the head of the Department, and by the public spirited gentlemen who form the Sanitary Board.

The Botanical and Forestry Department continues to carry out most useful work in the afforestation of the Colony, and the care of its splendid public gardens. By various economies its cost has been reduced to \$44,230 next year.

Education

In dealing with the Vote for Education (P. 70) I shall ask your attention to a few remarks on the progress of the general educational policy which has been followed during the past three years. First as regards the schools (whether supported by Government alone, or by Missions or by others with a Government grant) in which a secondary education is given. A tendency has grown up to regard an increased attendance of pupils as the chief sign of progress and development. The staff of the Schools had not in the large majority of cases kept pace with the increase of numbers of scholars—and the Government schools were no exception. In Queen's College, for instance, the attendance was about 1,000, though the numbers for whom it is now found (even with extra class rooms) that proper accommodation can be provided for only 800. The size of the classes had in many cases grown very large and were much in excess of the number which could properly and efficiently be taught by a single master. The quality of the education afforded was therefore deteriorating from year to year while the schools were overcrowded. Moreover there was a tendency in most, if not in all, of the schools which professed to give a secondary education to increase the number in the lowest—viz. the primary—classes far in excess of what was required to feed the upper classes, and as the grant was given per capita the same sum was received for a mere infant as for boys in the top classes whose education required expensive masters.

I laid these matters with some others before a committee of experts early last year and their recommendations were summarized in a report which was laid before this Council on May 5, 1910 (S. P. 3 1910). Effect was given to their proposals by various alterations in the grant code. To check the tendency to augment the lower classes at the expense of the advanced ones, a higher grant was given for pupils in the Upper and Middle divisions of a school than for those in the lower division, while a special grant, which now appears separately to the amount of \$3,500 (p. 79), was given for those who passed the tests of the Oxford Local Examination.

To ensure adequate personal attention to every pupil, and to check overcrowding the numbers in a single class under one master were limited to 40. The standard of each class was at the same time made identical in all Government grant schools throughout the Colony, so that comparison of the education given by each school is now easy. These reforms were applied to Government schools equally with grant schools and the teaching staff was considerably increased while the number of pupils was reduced partly by the introduction of dual desks, which prevented the former overcrowding, and reduced the accommodation available and partly by the elimination of the excessive numbers in the lower classes. In pursuance of

this policy the estimates for the present year provided for the addition of a "translation master" at Queen's College whose duties should consist in giving better instruction in the Chinese language, while the estimates for next year provide for two more English masters and five "visiting vernacular masters" at this school and one more assistant mistress at the Belilios Girls' school. Turning now from the secondary to the primary education, viz. from Upper to Lower grade schools, the committee of 1910 recommended that Government should open three primary "English" schools to accommodate the children who would be excluded from the lower classes of the secondary school by the operation of the reforms I have described. These as you are aware were provided for the first time in this year's estimates and were opened in Sept. 1910. They were located at Praya East, Tsingshan, and Mongkok. The last two of these have proved not to be required and they were therefore closed last January. Their average attendance in that month was only 9.78 and 9.2 respectively. The school at Praya East has proved a success, and an extra master is provided for it next year. The schools in the New Territory are, I am glad to say, doing well and increasing their attendance. Extra masters are provided at Taiipo, Pingshan and Cheungchow. I hope to see the number of these rural English schools increase, but the villages are for the most part small and primary vernacular education is carried on by private enterprise.

Mission Schools

During the past year an important step which has been under consideration for nearly a year had been taken in regard to the primary education of the children of the Colony and I take this opportunity of explaining the matter. When the discussions relative to the reform in secondary education had been disposed of by the adoption of the recommendations of the committee to which I have referred I discussed with the heads of the Missions concerned and with a number of influential Chinese gentlemen a scheme for co-ordinating the lower grade or primary vernacular schools in the Colony. So far as these are conducted by Missions it appeared to me that there was much room for improvement and economy. The schools were mostly very small and badly located; several being close together while other larger districts lacked any school at all. They were consequently unduly expensive. It seemed to me moreover that the Government grants in aid were much too high in proportion to the class of education given, for it was admitted that a superior education could be obtained in the Vernacular side of Belilios Girls' School at a cost of \$5.24 per pupil; while the cost per unit at the grant schools was over \$7. In these views the Director of Education and the Colonial Secretary concurred and I did not find that they were seriously disputed by the Missions concerned. I propose therefore to reduce the grant under article 39A of the Code from \$6, \$7, and \$8 to \$3, \$4, and \$5, viz. from a total of \$19,979 to \$15,800 and to abolish grants in aid of rent. The Missions accepted these reductions but decided to continue all their schools. This sets free a sum of \$4,113. Apart, however, from these Missions conducted schools which received a grant from Government there are an immense number of private vernacular primary schools run as a speculation by Chinese teachers of which the Government has had little or no knowledge whatever. Many of these are supported by Chinese Societies such as the Ellis Kadoorie School Committee, the Confucian Society, etc. I have long thought that this was a sphere in which the leading Chinese in this Colony would undoubtedly interest themselves, if they were invited to do so by the Government and assured of Government co-operation. I consulted therefore the Chinese members of the Council and many of the leading Chinese gentlemen with the Registrar General and the Director of Education, and eventually a Chinese board of Primary Vernacular Education was appointed.

by an order in Council which appeared in the "Gazette" of Sept. 15, 1911. The object of that order is to constitute a Board somewhat similar to the Directorate of the Tung Wa, but which will include the Registrar General and the Director of Education. It is my hope that the Chinese will take this matter of primary vernacular education into their own hands, as a new form of civic usefulness, assured of Government co-operation and financial assistance, but unhindered by red tape and unnecessary control or interference. When they have made their plans and formulated a scheme they can ask for whatever statutory powers they may find necessary, and this Council will have an opportunity of fully debating the subject. It is proposed to hand over to them the \$4,100 saved on the Mission-Conducted schools of the same class. I have great hopes of this scheme if it is allowed to develop on natural lines of evolution in its own way. I hope that in the future every primary school in the colony in which instruction is imparted in the Chinese language will be under the cognizance of this Board, other than those conducted by Government itself, or by Missions under a Government grant. I trust that a great improvement in methods of education by the employment of trained teachers and better supervision will be the result. The principle involved is the encouragement of Chinese initiative with Government co-operation and the promotion of a better and more widely extended system of primary education in the Chinese language. The generosity of the Chinese in matters of education, then under their own control, will no doubt provide funds, but I do not disguise the fact that in future years the grant provided by Government will probably need to be largely increased. Compulsory education for all children is hardly, I think you will agree, a feasible proposal at the present time. I do not share the view of the distinguished gentleman who has recently contributed a series of articles to the Press, that existing charitable agencies are hampered by want of legislation, and I doubt whether a "system of registration and inspection" of these institutions would not be more likely to stifle than to encourage them. In the last completed year of account, 1910, we spent 2.34 per cent. of our revenue on education, and in the seven years prior to 1907 we spent only 1.69, an increase of about 34 per cent. I believe that this increased expenditure has been justified by a very real progress and extended and improved education. This extension and improvement will need to be steadily continued from year to year, for though, as I have told you, we have increased our expenditure on education by as much as 34 per cent. since I have been here, it is still but a very small proportion of our revenue and contrasts, I think, unfavourably with other colonies. May be that the time has come to add an Educational Board to the innumerable Boards and Committees which exist in the colony, and if there should appear to be any such desire the Government would gladly comply with it. But for my own part I think it will be wise to await the development of the Chinese primary schools Board, and not to overweight the education of the colony by too great a multiplication of Boards and Advisers, seeing that already no important step is taken by Government without consulting those best qualified to advise. The Technical Institute under Mr. Ralphs has thoroughly justified the hopes of my predecessor when he first established it under the name of "Evening continuation classes". Its third year pupils are now gaining certificates which denote a high level of attainment in the various subjects for which they are granted. The decrease of cost (\$2,300) is due merely to the fact that in the past two years the estimates have been excessive. There is a decrease under the cost of the Volunteers (p. 78), because I am sorry to say that we are losing the services of Captain Thompson next year, and the new staff officer will be of junior rank. In the P. W. D. (Continued on Page 8)

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Kowloon-Canton Railway.
The administration of the Kowloon-Canton Railway has decided that from the 22nd inst. the 2.25 p.m. train from Kowloon is to stop at the following stations between Shum Chun and Shek Lung:—Pu Kut, Ping Wu, Tung Tou Ha, Chung Muk Tou, Sheung Ping and Wang Lik. This will enable passengers to journey as far as Cheung Muk Tou, 50 miles from Kowloon, and to return the same night.

Today's Advertisements

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

STEAM FOR SHANGHAI, TSINGTAU, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

HE Imperial German Mail Steamship "YOROK,"

Captain J. Randerment, will leave for the above places 10-MORROW, the 20th inst., at 4 A.M.

For further particulars, apply to **NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELOHRS & CO.,** General Agents, Hongkong, 19th Oct., 1911. [17]

THE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY for 1912 is now in course of preparation and subscribers requiring any alteration thereto, or intending new subscribers are requested to communicate with the undersigned within the next 14 days.

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE & ELECTRIC CO., LTD. Hongkong, 18th Oct., 1911. [1449]

PULAR "ASAHI" BEER



Note our Price \$12.00 per case containing 4 dozen quarts or 6 dozen pints. [48]

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.
UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF His Excellency the Governor and Lady Lugard.

A BAZAAR AND FANCY FETE will be held (by kind permission of Commandant and Officers Hongkong Volunteer Corps) on the Volunteer Parade Ground, on **TUESDAY, October 31st, from 2.30 to 7 p.m.** Many Novelties suitable for Christmas Presents.
8.45 p.m.—Children's Variety Entertainment.
9.30 p.m.—Auction.
10.15 p.m.—Variety Entertainment.
If not the Bazaar will be held in the Volunteer Head-Quarters.
Proceeds to be divided amongst various local charities for children and the Hongkong Cot in the M.O.L. Home at Otterham Surrey.
NO CHITS TAKEN.
Hongkong, 19th Oct., 1911. [1448]

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE

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SOLE AGENTS—

H. PRICE & CO.,

Wine Merchants,

Tel. No. 155, Hongkong, 17th October, 1911. [12]

Shipping—Steamers.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

"EMPRESS LINE."

Between China, Japan and Europe via Canada and the United States, calling at Hongkong, Shanghai, Nagasaki (through the Inland Sea of Japan), Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver B.C.

The only Line that maintains a Regular Schedule Service of 12 DAYS YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER. 21 DAYS HONGKONG TO VANCOUVER, SAVING 5 TO 7 DAYS' OCEAN TRAVEL.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong and St. John, N.S. (Subject to alteration.) Connecting with Royal Mail Atlantic Steamers.

From Hongkong	From St. John
"EMPEROR OF INDIA".....Sat., Nov. 1.	"EMPEROR OF BRITAIN".....Fri., Dec. 1.
"EMPEROR OF JAPAN".....Sat., Dec. 2.	"EMPEROR OF BRITAIN".....Fri., Dec. 23.
"MONTEAGLE".....Sat., Dec. 30.	
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"EMPEROR OF INDIA".....Sat., Jan. 27.	"EMPEROR OF IRELAND".....Fri., Feb. 23.
"EMPEROR OF JAPAN".....Sat., Feb. 24.	"EMPEROR OF IRELAND".....Fri., Mar. 22.

S.S. "MONTEAGLE" calls at Moji instead of Nagasaki.

Steamers will depart from Hongkong at 6 p.m.

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SPECIAL THROUGH RATES—Special rates (First Class only) are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Consular Services, European Civil Service Officials, and to European Officials in the service of the Governments of China and Japan, and their families. Full particulars on application to Agents.

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RMS "MONTEAGLE" carries only "One Class" of Saloon-Passengers (termed Intermediate) the accommodation and commissariat being excellent in every way.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, Intermediate on Steamers and 1st Class on Canadian and American Railways.

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For further information, May, Gifford & Co., Agents of Passage and Freight, D. W. CRADDOCK, General Traffic Agent, 100, Queen's Road, Victoria.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM
NAVIGATION CO., LD.

(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

For	Steamship	On
TIENTSIN.....CHIPSANG.....	Friday, 20th Oct., Noon.	
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.....KUTSANG.....	Friday, 20th Oct., Noon.	
MANILA.....LOONGSANG.....	Saturday, 21st Oct., 2 p.m.	
SHANGHAI.....KWONGSANG.....	Tuesday, 21st Oct., D'light.	
SANDAKAN.....MAUSANG.....	Wednesday, 25th Oct., Noon.	
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & NEWCHUANG.....TINGSANG.....	Thursday, 26th Oct., No p.	
MANILA.....YUENSANG.....	Saturday, 28th Oct., 2 p.m.	

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN, (Occupying 21 days). The steamers "Kutsang," "Nausang," and "Fook-sang" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

A fully qualified surgeon is also carried.

Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

† Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Port, Choochow, Tientsin & Newchwang.

† Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Kaitum, Lahat, Datu, Simporna, Tawau, Uluatan, Jesselton & Labuan.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE MATHEWSON & CO., LD. Telephone No. 215.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1911.

THE BANK LINE, LTD.

REGULAR SERVICE FROM HONGKONG FOR VANCOUVER, SEATTLE AND PORTLAND (Or.) via SHANGHAI and JAPANESE PORTS.

Steamer	Captain	Tons D W	On or about
"LUCEIMO".....	J. Mathie.....	11,000	October 26th.
"STRATHLYON".....	J. R. Shaw.....	8,000	November 21st.

To be followed by other steamers of the Company at regular intervals. The Steamers of the Bank Line, Ltd., carry cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points in the United States of America and Canada, and also for the chief ports in Mexico, Central and South America. Will call at Amoy and Keelung if sufficient inducement offers.

These steamers are of the newest design, have most complete accommodations, and are fitted with Electric Light and Wireless Telegraphy. Special Parcel Express to American and Canadian Ports.

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Telephone No. 780, Hongkong, 6th October, 1911.

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TO SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN LINE.

REGULAR Direct Service from Japan, China, and Straits to Beira, Delagoa Bay, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town, calling at Mauritius if sufficient inducement offers, and affording the quickest Freight Transport from the Orient to South Africa.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

S.S. "NUNERIO".....3,000 tons.....To be despatched end Dec.

S.S. "KATANGA".....5,600.....To follow regularly thereafter.

For rates of Freight or Passage apply to—

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED,

Manager, Agents.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1911.

Shipping—Steamers

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	SAILING DATES, 1911
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.....	MISHAMA MARU, Capt. A. B. Moses, T. 9,000 KAGA MARU, Capt. M. Hagino, T. 7,000 ATSUTA MARU, Capt. Wm. Thompson, T. 9,000	WEDNESDAY, 25th Oct., at Daylight WEDNESDAY, 8th Nov., at Daylight WEDNESDAY, 22nd Nov., at Daylight

VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE.....	KAMAKURA MARU, Capt. J. Richard, Tons 7,000	SATURDAY, 4th Nov., from KOBE
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VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, OHI, & YOKOHAMA.....	AWA MARU, Capt. Iizawa, Tons 7,000 INABA MARU, Capt. S. Tomimaga, Tons 7,000	TUESDAY, 7th Nov., at Noon TUESDAY, 5th Dec., at Noon
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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE and BRISBANE.....	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekino, Tons 5,000	FRIDAY, 27th Oct., at Noon FRIDAY, 24th Nov., at Noon
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BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.....	COLOMBO MARU, Capt. J. Toranaka, T. 5,000	SATURDAY, 21st October.
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SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE.....	HAKATA MARU, Capt. H. Nomura, Tons 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 25th October.
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NSAKI KOBE & YAWATA MARU, YOKOHAMA.....	Capt. T. Sekino, T. 5,000	WEDNESDAY, 25th Oct., at Noon.
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Regular service (once in every 13 days) from Kobe to Calcutta calling at Hongkong, Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

The first steamer to sail from Hongkong:

"KIRIN MARU".....Tons 4,000.....Capt. Deguchi.....Nov. 2nd.

1912 PASSENGER SEASON 1912

FOR EUROPE.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
TANGO MARU	8,000	K. Kawara	Feb. 14th.
KAMO MARU	9,000	F. L. Sommer	Feb. 28th.
AKI MARU	7,000	K. Homma	Mar. 18th.
MISUMI MARU	9,000	A. O. Moses	Mar. 27th.
KAGA MARU	7,000	M. Hagino	April 10th.
ATSUTA MARU	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th.
HIYACHIMARU	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th.
MIYASAKI MARU	9,000	T. Mami	May 22nd.

FOR SEATTLE.

INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomimaga	Feb. 27th.
TAMBA MARU	7,000	K. Noda	Mar. 26th.
SANUKI MARU	7,000		April 9th.
AWA MARU	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 23d.
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomimaga	May 21st.

From Hongkong direct to Nagasaki 4 days, to Kobe 5 days and to Yokohama 6 days.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

T. KUSUMOTO,

Manager.

CHINA NAVIGATION
CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
CHIEFOO & NEWCHUANG.....	RWEILIN.....	21st Oct., 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI.....	YINAN.....	21st " M'night.
WEIHAIWEI & TIENTSIN.....	KUICHOW.....	22nd " D'light.
MANILA, ILOILO & CEBU.....	KAIPOHO.....	24th " 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI.....	CHINHUA.....	26th " 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI.....	ANHUI.....	28th " M'night.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO.....	TAMING.....	31st " 4 p.m.
MANILA, ILOILO & CEBU.....	TEAN.....	7th Nov., 4 p.m.

DIRECT SAILING TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.

S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANUI."

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N.B.—Passengers must embark before midnight on Saturday for the Sunday morning sailings. A Company's launch leaves Murray Pier at ten o'clock every Saturday night.

These steamers land passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung.

Reduced Fares: Single \$45. Return \$75.

For Freight or Passage apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Telephone No. 38, Hongkong, 14th October, 1911.

Shipping—Steamers

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IN CONJUNCTION WITH

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EAST ASIATIC SERVICE.

Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via STRAITS and COLOMBO,

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Taking cargo at Through rates to all European North Continental and British Ports, also Trieste, Lisbon, Oporto, Genoa and other Mediterranean Levantine, Black Baltic Sea and Ports, and all North and South American Ports.

Next Sailings from Hongkong:

OUTWARD.

For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama:

S.S. "Frederiks".....20th Oct.

Slavonia.....3rd Nov.

Soandja.....16th Nov.

Spezia.....2nd Dec.

Segovia.....14th Dec.

Silak.....27th Dec.

Ambria.....10th Jan.

Goldenfels.....24th Jan.

For Further Particulars, apply to—

Hamburg-Amerika Linie,

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 18th October, 1911.

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HONGKONG—PHILIPPINES.

PHILIPPINES STEAMSHIP CO.

Steamship Tons Captain For Sailing Date

ZAFIRO.....4000 M. C. Smith { MANILA, FRIDAY,

RUBI.....4000 S. Crosby { CEBU & ILOILO, 20th Oct., 4 p.m.

{ MANILA, MONDAY,

{ CEBU & ILOILO, 30th Oct., 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 18th October, 1911.

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A. R. MARTY.

HONGKONG—HOIHOW—HAIPHONG—PAKHOL.

Highest Class, Fastest and Up-to-date Steamers on the Coast, having accommodation for First-class Passengers.

Electric Light, Excellent Cuisine, and Wireless Telegraphy.

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Telephone 118, Hongkong, 12th June, 1911.

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THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN

STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

Mail Service to Australia.

MAIL SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION)

Steamer	Arrive Hongkong from Australia	Leave Hongkong for Australia
ST. ALDANS.....	20th Oct.	Saturday, Nov. 11.
EASTERN.....	17th Nov.	Dec. 9.
ALDENHAM.....	1st Dec.	Dec. 23.

The above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of Ice, Fresh Provisions, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity. All State-Rooms have Electric Fans. A fully qualified Doctor and Stewardess are carried.

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA

Imperial Japanese Trans-Pacific Mail Line.

SAN FRANCISCO LINE

Connecting with the Western Pacific Railway at San Francisco to all points in the United States and Canada and with Trans-Atlantic Lines to Europe.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to alteration)

Steamer Tons Captain Date of sailing

S.S. "Shinyo Maru".....21,000.....H. S. Smith.....Nov. 3rd, Noon.

S.S. "Chiyo Maru".....21,000.....W. W. Stevens.....Dec. 24, Noon.

S.S. "Nippon Maru".....11,000.....A. G. Stevens.....Dec. 22nd, Noon.

S.S. "Tonyo Maru".....21,000.....E. Bent.....Dec. 29th, Noon.

† These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screw.

All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office.

The Triple Screw steamer Shinyo Maru, will be despatched for San Francisco via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on FRIDAY, the 3rd November, at Noon.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

(In connection with the National Railway of Mexico at Manzanillo and the Tehuantepec National Railway at Salina Cruz).

Only Regular Direct Service to Mexican, Chilean and Peruvian Ports.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to Alteration)

Steamer Tons Date of Sailing

Hongkong Maru.....11,000.....Wednesday, Dec. 13, Noon.

Kiyo Maru.....17,500.....Thursday, Feb. 16, Noon.

For further particulars apply to—

K. MATSUDA, Agent.

KING'S BUILDING, (opposite Blake Pier)

COMMERCIAL.

Bills of Lading.

An important official circular, signed by the chairman (Mr. H. Kern), has been issued by the Cotton Bills of Lading Conference Committee at Liverpool.

In the course of their statement the Committee report that the new system of verifying cotton through bills of lading has not yet come into proper operation, because at the last moment American bankers were advised by their attorney that they would assume additional liability, under the form of shippers' letter to Central Bureau, as originally drafted. In order to overcome this objection several conferences have taken place, and the form of letter has now been redrafted in such a manner as to make it clear that the American buyer of the draft does not accept any additional responsibility for the genuineness of the bill of lading by the fact of his applying at the Central Bureau for verification. The reprinting of the forms and their distribution have caused unavoidable delay.

In order further to overcome the objections raised by exchange buyers in the South, viz., that New York would be in a privileged position, owing to receiving the reply from the Central Bureau so much quicker, it has been arranged that the Central Bureau shall not send a reply stating that the document is in order, but shall only telegraph when irregularities are discovered.

The Committee goes on to state that the scheme has now the full approval of the whole Bill of Lading Committee of the American Bankers' Association as per resolution of a meeting on September 1, at which representatives from outside New York were present. It is also intimated that the following Exchange buyers have so far signified their willingness to apply at the bureau (the list being given subject to correct interpretation of cable messages): Bank of New York, N.B.A., New York; International Banking Corporation, New York; Mechanics and Metals National Bank, New York; National Park Bank, New York; National Produce Exchange Bank, New York; American Express Company, New York; Bankers' Trust Company, New York; Trust Company of America, New York; Bank of Montreal, New York; Canadian Bank of Commerce, New York; Royal Bank of Canada, New York; Muller, Schall & Company, New York; Tradesmen's National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.; Central Bank and Trust Corporation, Atlanta, Ga. Several others have also agreed, but do not wish to have their names published at the moment.

It is further stated that 37 additional railroads have given their adherence to the scheme since the list of August 4 was published, while cable advices from their New York attorney intimate that the Committee have practically obtained the consent of all the important cotton-carrying railroads. The new scheme is therefore reported to be in full working order.

Referring to the opposition

LOG BOOK.

The T. K. K.

A report is current, says the "Hochi Shimbun," that the Toyo Kisen Kaisha has decided to discharge all the foreign captains in its employ in December next and replace them with Japanese officers, but the officials of the Company declare that they know nothing of the matter, though it is a question which will certainly arise in the future. A "certain authority" quoted by the "Hochi," and said to be well-informed in regard to marine affairs, remarks that in view of the enormous subsidies granted to steamship companies by the Government, the Department of Communications over ten years ago issued instructions to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha that the foreign captains of the steamers on the foreign services should be replaced by Japanese masters for the purpose of encouraging Japanese seamen. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, it is said, showed some hesitation in complying with the order, whereupon the Communications Department declared that it would appoint suitable men for the service. Surprised at this threat, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha hastily chose captains Murai, Ono, and other Japanese mastermariners and appointed them to command the steamers on foreign service. Since then the Company has gradually replaced foreign captains by Japanese, and there are at present not more than 15 foreign captains in the service of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Of late years the reputation of the Japanese captains has greatly increased, both among shippers and passengers, and some of them are known to excel foreign captains in their ability as seamen. In these circumstances, the Toyo Kisen Kaisha has for some time had the intention of replacing the foreign captains in its employ with Japanese. The Company, which opened its American service for the purpose of carrying foreign passengers, deemed it expedient to employ foreign captains as being able to look after the comfort and pleasure of foreign passengers, and so no change has been made in the personnel of the commanders. The inconvenience which may result from the change from foreign to Japanese may, in the opinion of this authority, be minimised by appointing foreign pursers and chief stewards. If the reported decision of the Company to replace its foreign captains with Japanese proves to be true, the fact is to be welcomed for the reputation of Japan's steam navigation. It is, however, hardly credible that the Toyo Kisen Kaisha will be able to carry out its reported decision to replace foreign captains with Japanese by the end of December next, as has been reported.

Three Belgian missionaries recently came to Peking from Europe, en route to Kansu, where they will propagate their faith. Their Minister in Peking has requested the Weihaiwei to issue them a passport.

Instructions have been given for the river destroyer Uak to be manned by a nucleus crew at Sheerness Dockyard and commissioned for temporary service as tender to the Aotson, torpedo school ship, pending her completion for sea, when she will be joined by a balance complement on commissioning with full numbers for service in the Far East. The Uak and her sister destroyer, Ribble and Welland, are to join the China destroyer flotilla.

Intimations

AERTEX CELLULAR. REGAL SHOES J. T. SHAW, TAILOR and OUTFITTER,

21, Hongkong Hotel Buildings,
Queen's Road. [1258]

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO.
LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.	Every 15 min.
7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m.	10 min.
8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.	10 min.
9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	10 min.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	10 min.
11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.	10 min.
12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m.	10 min.
1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.	10 min.
2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.	10 min.
3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	10 min.
4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	10 min.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	10 min.
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.	10 min.
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NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. every 15 minutes.

SUNDAYS.

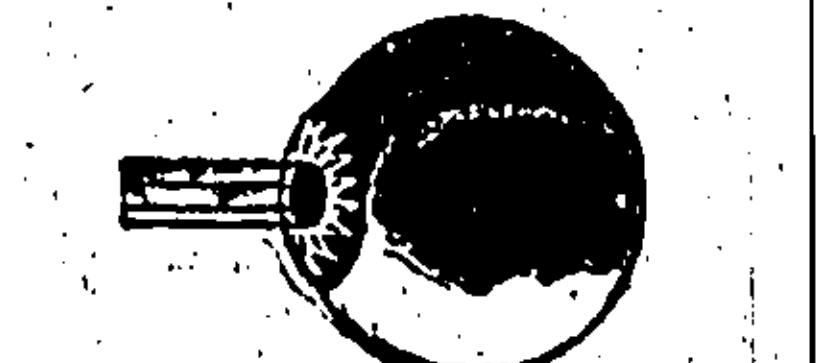
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12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.	10 min.
1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	10 min.
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.	10 min.
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NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

Extra Cars at 11.45 p.m.

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Hongkong, 16th June, 1911.



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Any tint made to any prescription.
No charge for testing sight.
Repairs of all description made by competent workmen.

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1A, D'Aguilar Street,
Hongkong.
Hongkong, 24th July, 1911. [929]

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LOAN AND MORTGAGE
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Loans on Mortgage of House Property &c.
Goods received on Storage.
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(Rates and Particulars on application).
THE OFFICE OF
TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF
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Undertaken and Executed.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1908. [114]

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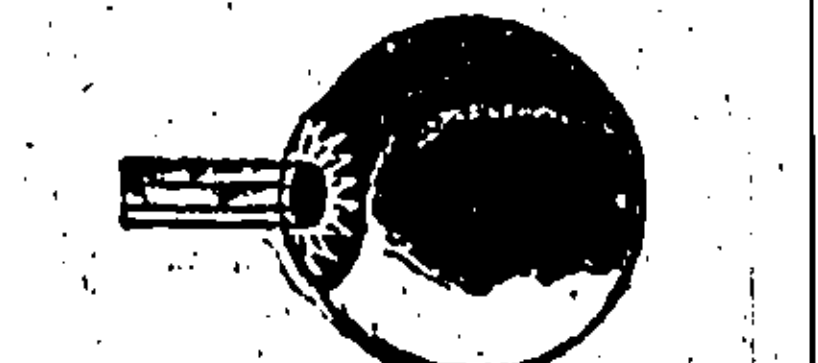
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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reorganization of the staff of engineers junior to the D. P. W. and his assistants has been carried out after a very great deal of enquiry and discussion. There will be three first grade and four second grade executive engineers with a duty pay of £60 per annum and four first grade assistants with a duty pay of £50 with five second grade assistants (duty pay £40). It is hoped that the new rates will dispose of a grievance which has long been felt by a class of Government servants who deserve well of the community and than whom none work harder. The new classification with its rates of pay and duty pay (which has not yet received the sanction of the Secretary of State, though he has concurred in the principles adopted), will somewhat improve the position and prospects of the engineers, and will, I hope, tempt men to remain in the Government service instead of leaving it, as so many have done to practice independently. The establishment is reduced by two overseers of the first class and two of the second class and by one foreman in consequence of the completion of the Government offices and Law Courts. These temporary appointments should never have been borne on the estimates, but charged to the work.

Public Works.

The votes under P. W. R. have in some cases been considerably altered. In some few it has been found possible to reduce them, judging by the average expenditure of the last few years, but in most cases there has been an increase, resulting in a net increase to the vote of £12,900. As new works are commenced in a growing Colony, the recurrent vote for their maintenance must increase yearly. The main increase in the present estimates, however, is due to the large sum of \$19,500 which I have added to the vote for typhoon damages. The sum now shown is about the average expenditure on this account over and above the ordinary maintenance votes, it appears to me a false presentation of the estimates of expenditure to place it at \$12,500 only and to ask this Council for a supplementary vote regularly each year. Care will, however, be taken by the Director of Public Works to see that this vote is not drawn upon for ordinary maintenance, and expenditure under it will in each case need the Governor's sanction, so that only unforeseen devastation caused by rainstorms and typhoons will be charged against it. Against this there is a set-off of \$7,000, by which amount the votes for Chinese cemeteries have been reduced by transfer of new works to P. W. E. These votes were largely increased last year in my absence, and as I think wrongly, because the money was required not for necessary recurrent work, but for extensions and new works which should properly be included under P. W. E. and receive the express sanction of Council. They are so included this year.

Capital Works.

I come now to the interesting question of the day in which I propose to the Council that we should spend our margin on capital works. That margin annually consists of a sum of eight or ten lacs, and as I said at the beginning of my speech, we have fully the average amount to spend next year. In addition we have the expenditure on the typhoon refuge which, as you know, is provided with a special fund, consisting in part of Special Light Dues and in part of our reserves, which stand at the very satisfactory figure of \$1,452,370, and to which each year, since I have been here, we have added a little, in spite of this special fund and of trade depression, etc. The Law Courts and the Government Offices have for many more years than I have known Hongkong figured as the two first items of our list. The latter disappears entirely, and for the Law Courts only \$16,000 is asked to complete, and is due chiefly to various internal alterations, desired by the Judges. There will, I fear, be a further sum of \$10,000 for architects' fees, of which I was not aware till the estimates were closed. The provision of public

conveniences, which is so essential for the proper sanitation of a prosperous city, continues to progress year by year, and \$11,500 is provided for creating three more in 1912. The next large building—of which this Council has already approved by placing \$20,000 on the estimates for this year—is the reconstruction of the Magistracy, since the lack of proper accommodation has been a source of complaint for many years. I hope that we may be able to utilise the very valuable site occupied by the present two-storey building to much better advantage, and perhaps to provide extra quarters for married police on a third storey. They are very urgently required, but the needs of the Magistracy itself are also great, and it is uncertain to what extent the enlargement of the Central Police Station can be undertaken. I am not satisfied with the initial design which has been prepared, and I propose when a better one has been drawn, to refer it to the P. W. Committee of this Council for their opinion. Till that has been done no complete estimate can of course be given. The present is an auspicious time to undertake this work, as we shall shortly have the old Law Courts in which to temporarily house the Magistracy. On the completion of the new building the old courts and the site on which they stand can be sold or otherwise dealt with, as may be considered to be more to the public advantage. Of the sum voted this year, probably little or none will have been spent by the end of the year. \$38,000 is provided for the work. For the sanitary department offices and sheds at Wapulai, a sum of \$15,000 was voted last year, of which little, if any, will be spent. The present vote is for completion at a total estimated cost of \$18,000. Another important building with which you decided last year to commence is the reconstruction of the Western Market. The estimate for this work is \$240,000 in addition to the sum of \$55,500 which the Council voted on Nov. 19 last for resumption of buildings. Of the sum borne on the estimates for this year (\$25,000), probably about \$15,000 will have been expended by the end of the year, and \$70,000 is provided for continuing the work next year. For the extra storey at Yau-mat school \$10,000 was provided, of which \$13,000 will have been spent. The estimate has been increased to \$21,000 principally because the lowest tender received is over \$3,000 in excess of the estimate, and also to include school furniture and some alterations in design. \$11,000 is provided to complete it. The market and slaughter house at Aberdeen, for which the estimate is \$11,400, requires \$3,000 to complete. Yau-mat sheds and stables for the sanitary department appeared in the estimates for 1911 with provision to the extent of \$10,000 out of a total estimate of \$16,000. A commencement will shortly be made in this work, and about \$2,000 will be spent this year. The balance, \$14,000 to complete, is provided next year. The Kap Sing lighthouse, which was delayed for a time in order to obtain the views of the Chamber of Commerce on certain points as to situation, etc., will probably be completed, but it is thought advisable to have a duplicate clock-work gear in case of accidents. The vote of \$10,000 provided this year for additions to the Maternity Hospital will be spent, and \$3,000 more is now provided to complete.

Roads and Streets.

Omitting for the present new works under the sub-head "Buildings" the votes which follow for forming roads and streets throughout the colony and in the New Territory, including nullahs, etc., have with many others in past years been entered on the estimates without any details as to how large sums voted should be spent, or any estimates of the cost of the works proposed under them. In the present estimates the principal works are shown with their estimated cost. Under "Kowloon roads and streets" a sum of \$20,000 is provided for the prolongation of Nathan Road, and \$5,000 for channelling Gascoine and Chatham Roads. Under "New Roads, N. T." \$15,000 is provided to enable

the last section of the Castle Peak—Sha Tau Kok road—viz. from Au Tau to San Tai to be undertaken, with the exception of the bridge near Au Tau, which is a large work. You will recollect that when I inaugurated the construction of this main trunk road through the New Territory in 1908, I informed you that I proposed to run it right through at a breadth of 3 feet only, and to purchase land sufficient to broaden it eventually to 14 feet and to build all bridges at that breadth. This will have been accomplished when the sum now provided, and a further sum of \$21,000 in 1913, has been expended. In future years we propose to broaden it to the full 14 feet as a cart road in such sections as when a prospect of cart traffic, especially between Au Tau and Castle Peak. From Fanling to Sha Tau Kok a light line, as you are aware, is being laid along this road, and will, I hope, be completed this year. The roadway of this light line, like the rest of this road, has been paid for out of this vote. The balance required to complete it is estimated at \$21,495, the greater part of which will be expended this year. Regarding the cost of laying the light line I will speak when I come to the expenditure upon railways. The total cost of this road—21.1 miles in length—up to the end of this year is put down at \$140,000, including purchase of land. Adding the sums of \$36,000 and \$5,000 required to complete the two unfinished sections (San Tin—Au Tau and Au Tau—Sha Tau Kok) its entire cost will be \$181,000, to which we may add \$54,107 for the light line. It is money well spent, not only as a feeder to the railway and for administration and police purposes, but also because it is a legitimate and proper benefit to the taxpayer of the New Territory. I do not propose to broaden the road beyond Fanling where it forms the track of the light line. The cost of broadening the remainder to the full 14 feet is estimated at \$62,000 only. In addition to this I propose to construct a short branch from Au Tau to the large village of Kam Tin on the same principles at a cost of \$8,000, which is now provided. This may in future years be extended to the foot of the hills towards Tai-po and thence across the gap by a bridge path. The length of the present section is one mile, and of the future extension three miles. The total vote for "Roads, New Territory" therefore stands at \$24,000. The vote for roads in Hongkong hitherto called "forming and kerbing streets" stands at \$30,000. Of this \$15,000 is for a road to connect Chamberlain Road with Plantation Road, and onwards to open some new sites—at an estimated cost of \$17,000, of which \$2,000 will be spent this year out of the vote, forming and kerbing streets. As there was some divergence of opinion regarding the route this road should follow, I referred that matter for the advice of the Public Works Committee, whose report has been laid on the table to-day and whose recommendations have been adopted. Other items under this vote are the diversion of the Bonham Road at No. 2 Tank, \$3000, where a large depression has been filled in and a valuable site made available—a continuation of the scheme of improvement at Tai-lung Village \$2,000; improvements near the junction of Bonham and Pokfulam Roads \$3,000; and the improvement of a further section at Wong Nei Chung \$1,000, leaving \$7,000 for any unforeseen minor works, which may be required during 1912. Under Nullahs three thousand dollars is provided for a stream near the first bridge on the Pokfulam Road, \$7,400 for two Nullah at Shaukiwan and \$600 for one in May Road. These are recommended by the Sanitary Board and the Principal Medical Officer as being the most urgent and are all situated in districts where the most malaria has occurred. A further \$10,000 is provided for nullahs in the vicinity of Wan-chai or Bowen Road, but it has not been definitely decided which of them will be taken in hand first. A sum of \$4,000 will complete the work shown under Flushing tanks and Iron Pipes.

The Miscellaneous Drainage Vote includes a sum of \$5,000 for necessary works in connection with a large reclamation scheme at Shamsui and \$7,500 to complete at a total of \$13,500, the Craigie Road sewer, which is being made to intercept the sewage water from houses situated within the drainage area of Aberdeen reservoir and to conduct it to Wanchai Gap, where it may either be treated by filtration or connected with the City sewers. Two thousand five hundred dollars is set aside for the sewerage system at Shaukiwan West in connection with developments occurring there; \$1,400 in connection with reclamations at Yau-mat and \$1,850 for the extension of the storm water drain near Black-head's Point. This leaves a balance for works in connection with new leases and general purposes in 1912 of \$9,250, of which \$1,100 will probably be required for a drain near the Anatmeal theatre, and \$1,000 to substitute 12 ft. for 9 ft. pipes between Garden Road and the City Hall. Total Vote \$27,500.

Map of Hongkong.

For the triangulation survey \$5,000 was provided this year. Of this about \$2,000 will be spent, making an estimated total to Dec. 31 of \$4,238. Fifteen hundred dollars is provided for 1912, and I am glad to say that this very greatly needed survey of Hongkong Island of which, after seventy years of occupation, we possess no even tolerable map—is making fair progress. The iron fencing around the garden plots in Royal Square will cost \$1,380.

The class of fencing which should be adopted has been much discussed. Unless during this debate other views should be expressed I propose to adopt the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and order railings exactly similar to those at present on the western side of the square. Personally I think that it would have been preferable to take the heavy railings from the seaward lots and to use it for the southern unfenced plots opposite the Law Courts, so that they would be symmetrical on either side, and to fence the two plots east and west opposite the Hongkong Club and nearest the sea with a somewhat lighter class of fencing and with fewer masonry pillars so as not to detract from the sense of open space, which it was most desirable that the square should convey to the eye, and to allow the view to sweep upwards from the sea front unimpeded by small plots highly palisaded. It is, however, a matter for the community to decide as it may please.

Last year a sum of \$30,000 was provided for a pier opposite the square; the work has not yet been taken in hand. I think myself that it is open to question whether another pier at Kowloon is not a more urgent necessity than this. But it is difficult to decide at what point such a pier would be most advantageously placed until we know definitely where the main railway station will be located. This is a subject upon which opinions differ radically, and after much discussion it was decided to hold the matter over until we have some idea not only of the nature and the amount of the through traffic to Canton, but also at what hours of the day the chief pressure will occur, and consequently in what manner the railway can best be served by the ferry. I hope to lay papers on this subject shortly, so that the Council and the public may form their own opinion on the merits of the various schemes which have been advocated. In the meantime I think it is better to hold over the construction of the pier, the more so that the question of whether one is required at Royal Square and if so of what class its roofing should be, is also a matter of some controversy, and the question does not press. If before the end of next year a definite view is found general approval, either for a pier on this side or on the other, we can commence construction on a supplementary vote.

The vote for Miscellaneous works stands at \$20,000. The minor works foreseen are few. They include \$1,000 for rickshaw stands and \$1,000 for walling in the area at the junction of the Arbuthnot Road and Wyndham Street, with \$880 for two other small works. The balance of the

vote is for unforeseen minor works during 1912. The important reclamation opposite the typhoon refuge at Yau-mat, estimated at \$87,000, was approved by this Council last year, and a sum of \$12,500 was voted for it. Of this it is estimated that \$4,000 will have been spent this year, and a further sum of \$40,000 is provided to continue the work next year.

For the improvement of Ap-sin Village a sum of \$13,000 was voted last year to complete, but it has been found necessary to ask the Council for a supplementary vote \$14,000 to compensate the lessees of plots interfered with thus causing the estimate to be increased to \$33,000 which is \$4,200 in excess of the original estimate. A sum of \$6,000 is placed on next year's estimate to complete the work.

For continuing the laying out, raising and improvement of the little village of Tai Hang behind the Polo Ground a further sum of \$5,000 is allotted, and you will recollect that \$2,000 is already included in the vote for new roads and streets.

The cost of this improvement has been wrongly shown under different votes in the past. In all we shall have spent \$11,555 upon it to the end of this year, and the total scheme is estimated to cost \$18,000. The compensation vote has been enlarged to include the equally vague charge of sums which may be incurred by Government owing to any unforeseen necessity for resuming land for a public purpose. Hitherto no provision has been made in the estimates, though such liabilities are not infrequent. A total sum of \$25,000 has been provided to meet such contingencies.

Kowloon Water Supply.

The expenditure on the Kowloon Water Works, which have cost the Colony a total sum of \$1,270,370, has now ceased with their completion. They are indeed a magnificent undertaking, and the supply of water which they provide is so much in excess of present demands, that we may feel some confidence that a considerable time will elapse before the Colony has to trouble about the water supply on the other side of the harbour. The new scheme for a better water supply to Shaukiwan was approved by the Council last year at an estimated cost of \$60,000, of which \$40,000 was voted, and \$17,000 will have been spent this year. \$30,000 has been placed on the estimates to carry on the scheme. Similarly, \$30,000 was voted last year for an additional service reservoir at West Point, and as the Council has approved the proposals I need not recall the reasons for the work. It has not, however, been found possible to do more than prepare plans and estimates this year. It is proposed to begin the work at an early date. \$50,000 is provided. The Principal Civil Medical Officer has to my knowledge for the last four years and probably longer represented the need of a new operating theatre at the Government Civil Hospital. We propose to begin this next year, spending \$15,000 out of the total estimate of \$30,000. \$5,000 is also provided for tiling the lavatories. \$25,000 is set apart for sheds for Public Works Department stores on the piece of ground already occupied by them below the Naval Hospital which will be properly laid out and levelled. It will then be possible to remove the temporary stores on the Praya East reclamation near No. 2 Police Station, which can be let out for other occupation. The total cost is estimated at \$48,500. The Sanitary Board has represented that extensions to the Kennedy Town slaughter houses are very urgently needed, involving the displacement of some coolie quarters. A house is also required for an additional inspector at a total cost of \$32,500. A supplementary vote of \$1,000 will be submitted to you to enable the work to be begun this year, a total of \$26,000 is provided next year. The Sanitary Board also recommends the erection of a fruit and vegetable market in the Eastern district, but no estimate has yet been made. \$3,000 is set down to commence the work. Another market is also required at Yau-mat at a cost of \$9,000. All these are remunerative works. Internal alterations in the Kennedy Town Hospital involve a sum of \$2,000 and an additional \$5,000 much required at the Observatory.

will cost \$2,000. Bellios Girls School has overflowed its quarters and a number of the girls are at present being taught in hired rooms. An extension of the present building is required, but it has not yet been possible to draw up an estimate. \$5,000 is provided to commence the work. It has been represented to Government that the Sanitary Department gently requires offices in the western district at a cost of \$7,000. The fish pond at Tai-po which was filled in a year or two ago forms a valuable building site, for a portion of which Government has already received offers. A further sum of \$2,000 is required to raise the level of a portion of the reclaimed ground. \$9,000 transferred from the maintenance vote is not down for laying out new areas in Chinese cemeteries. The large reclamation scheme at Shamsui will absorb \$25,000 in order to provide sites for persons dislodged from the old insanitary villages. The total scheme is estimated at \$24,300. A sum of \$20,000 is required for duplicate pumps at the pumping station on Bonham Road, but before these are laid down the question of removing the station to another site will be investigated.

It is proposed to train the stream which flows under railway bridge No. 30 at Tai-po directly out to the north by means of a cut-away costing \$2,500. A bridge for the roadway will be required at \$2,000. When these are completed a fine level area can be reclaimed at the small cost of \$73,000 3/4 acres in extent, adjoining Tai-po station and fronting on the sea. It should form a very valuable asset, and would be an ideal situation for a hotel and recreation grounds. Finally, we propose to commence the new reservoir at Typhoon Tuck, spending \$100,000 on it next year, more than this cannot, I am told, be spent by the engineers in the first year of work. The scheme for this reservoir which, when completed, will put an end for a long period of years to all our water troubles and make us independent of Pokfulam is not yet finally settled, and it will in due course be laid before the Public Works Committee. I am sincerely glad that this undertaking, which will cost upwards of two million dollars, should be inaugurated while I am in the Colony. Like the typhoon refuge, it will be an immense boon to the Chinese who at present are annually placed on a restricted water supply during a considerable portion of the dry season.

The programme of works which I have presented to you is a tolerably full one, but the Director of Public Works anticipates that he will be able to carry it out. I dislike the system which has not seldom obtained here of scheduling an ambitious list of works, a considerable portion of which are never commenced in the year for which provision has to be made. I hope that in future, before the annual estimates are presented, it may be possible to have fully prepared estimates of every work proposed for the coming year instead of leaving this preliminary work to the year in which money is provided for actual construction. It will, however, take time to gradually overtake this system.

The total amount of these works is \$797,930. The estimated revenue, deducting the special light dues which belong to the typhoon refuge, is \$7,582,488, and the estimated expenditure without Public Works Extraordinary is \$8,704,632, leaving \$877,700 to meet capital expenditure on works. We thus have an estimated surplus of \$79,810 which can be devoted to the typhoon refuge, and with the light dues makes a total sum of \$174,810. We propose to spend \$350,000 on this work next year, and owing to the satisfactory state of our finances we shall require to draw only a half, namely, \$175,000 instead of 3 1/2 lacs from our reserves to meet this expenditure, a sum which may not improbably be saved on the year's working without trenching on the reserves at all. Under other charges Post Office (page 20) you will find an increase of a lac under transit charged for Siberian mails, a very heavy charge which is in part an arrears payment. The postal estimates do not otherwise call for any special remarks. We

are still, as I have said, carrying on the Postal Agencies in China on behalf of the Imperial Government, but all charges are borne by the Home Government, from whom we have claimed various sums for postal buildings, furniture, etc., including a sum of \$27,000 due on account of the Tientsin Agency and not yet paid. These sums, however, have not been credited in the estimates, and when paid they will add to our surplus.

I have already referred to the railway. You will note in the first place that the estimates are prepared in the way usual with railways so as to facilitate comparison with others. In the second place you will see that the loan account is now closed, and the column "chargeable to capital" only appears in regard to special expenditure, and for purposes of our estimates it conveys no significance since all railway expenditure is now equally chargeable to revenue. Similarly the interest on borrowed capital is now transferred to the "head public debt." The running expenses are estimated by Mr. Lindsey at \$190,037, and the earnings at \$425,000, showing a balance of profit of \$235,000 towards the service of the loan. This, I confess, seemed to me somewhat optimistic in the first year of through working, but Mr. Lindsey, who has very great experience, and in whom I have the utmost confidence, assures me that in his opinion it is a safe estimate, and based on careful calculations. The little Fanling-Sha Tau Kok branch is estimated to cost us for running, expenses and maintenance \$10,886 a year and to earn \$14,000, showing a profit of \$3,114. I trust these estimates may be fully realised. Under "special expenditure" for the railway we have provided for another locomotive and for a house for the manager. I may note here for the information of the Council that apart from the cost of the roadway (which, as I have already told you, has been charged, like all the rest of the road to P.W.E.) the expenditure on this light line, including rolling stock, is estimated at \$54,107 only, of which \$28,000 is a credit to the main line for old materials, and the remainder, \$26,107, is for all other charges, including new permanent way material and a new engine. This sum has been charged to the capital account of the Railway.

Public Debt.

In class 8, the charge on account of Public Debt is shown in, I think, a somewhat clearer form than heretofore. The interest and sinking fund on the loan of 1883 which is constant each year, stand at \$173,208, while the interest and sinking fund on the money borrowed for the railway, and the loan to the Viceroy of the Liang Hu Province stand at \$550,057. This will vary slightly with the annual instalments of the Wuchang loan are all paid off, when the railway loan will practically become identical with the money borrowed for the Wuchang loan. The pension list, as on page 88, involves an increase of about \$19,000. The appendix gives full reasons for all minor alterations not sufficiently explained in the foot-note. I have, I fear, drawn a long draft on your patience and attention. It only remains for me to add that the estimated revenue of \$7,582,488 is by far the highest figure ever reached in the history of the colony, and actually double what it was a dozen years ago, while our reserves at the end of the year are estimated at over \$1,452,370, which has only once (in 1893) been increased slightly. To secure these results we have not been driven to the imposition of any new taxation, nor on the other hand have been adopted any doubtful retrenchments. On the contrary, we have been able to adjust more equitably the salaries of a very large portion of the Civil Service, to somewhat increase our Police forces, and generally speaking to meet all demands for normal expansion and progress, while vigorously scrutinising such details of expenditure as appeared to admit of economy by improved methods of control. I trust that the coming year may be one of revival of trade and commercial prosperity, which will find its reflection in the colony's budget receipts.

POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and post-cards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

The attention of the public is drawn to page 10, para. 20, of the Hongkong Postal Guide for 1911. Stamps intended for postage purposes may be perforated but not obliterated.

The Public are informed that the CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR Parcel Mail to the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe by the long sea route via Gibraltar, will be closed in this office on Friday, the 10th of November, 1911, at 5 p.m. This Parcel Mail is due in London on or about the 16th of December. The subsequent parcel mail is not due to reach London before the 30th of December. Parcels may be forwarded via Brindisi with an extra fee of 60 cents.

Parcels containing any article of Gold or Silver or Silver mounted goods must be insured for at least part of their value.

All insured parcels must be sealed, all the seals must be of the same kind of wax and must bear distinct impressions of a private device. The device on each seal must be the same. Regimental Buttons or Badges, Curved, Crossed or Dotted lines are not admissible. Cords must not be used for sealing.

The Clerks of the Post Office are not allowed to seal or to affix stamps on letters or parcels for the public.

Parcels that in the opinion of the officer accepting the same do not comply with the regulations will not be accepted.

The s.s. Telamachus, with the Siberian Mail, is due to arrive here on Saturday, the 2nd instant.

A Mail will close for—
Hohow and Haiphong—Per Mathilde, 20th Oct., 8 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow—Per Haitan, 20th Oct., 10 a.m.
Saigon—Per Marie, 20th Oct., 10 a.m.
Tientsin—Per Clipping, 20th Oct., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, and Yokohama—Per Nansu, 20th Oct., 10 a.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Kutsang, 20th Oct., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Persia, 20th Oct., noon.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 20th Oct., 1.15 p.m.

Manila, Cebu and Hilo—Per Zafiro, 20th Oct., 3 p.m.
Shanghai, Moji, and Yokohama—Per Ceylon, 20th Oct., 5 p.m.
Fuchow and Shanghai—Per Kwong-sang, 20th Oct., 5 p.m.

Kudat and Sandakan—Per Borneo, 21st Oct., 9 a.m.
Samarang and Sourabaya—Per Quanta, 21st Oct., 11 a.m.

Manila (taking Mails for Cebu and Hilo)—Per Luong-sang, 21st Oct., 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 21st Oct., 1.15 p.m.
Chiofo and Newchwang—Per Kwailin, 21st Oct., 3 p.m.
Weihaiwei and Tientsin—Per Kuei-chow, 21st Oct., 5 p.m.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Linan, 21st Oct., 6 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui—Per Daigimaru, 22nd Oct., 9 a.m.

EUROPE, &c. INDIA VIA TUTICORIN—(Late Letters 11.00 a.m. to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—Per Tonkin, 24th Oct., 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow—Per Haiching, 24th Oct., 10 a.m.
Manila, Cebu and Hilo—Per Kaifong, 24th Oct., 3 p.m.

Singapore, Penang, and Colombo—Per Michima-maru, 24th Oct., 5 p.m.

Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama—Per Yamata Maru, 24th Oct., 11 a.m.

Sandakan—Per Matsang, 25th Oct., 11 a.m.

Wei-hai-wei, Chiofo and Newchwang—Per Tingsang, 26th Oct., 11 a.m.

Shanghai—Per Chinhan, 26th Oct., 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow—Per Haiyang, 27th Oct., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Korea, 28th Oct., 11 a.m.

EUROPE, &c. INDIA VIA TUTICORIN—(Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 27th Oct., at 5 p.m.—Per Doranha, 28th Oct., 11 a.m.

Manila (taking Mails for Cebu and Hilo)—Per Yucensang, 28th Oct., 1 p.m.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Anhui, 28th Oct., 6 p.m.

Manila, Cebu and Hilo—Per Rubi, 30th Oct., 3 p.m.

Manila, Cebu and Hilo—Per Taming, 31st Oct., 3 p.m.

Manila, Amoy, Yap, Friederich, Wilhelms, Rapa, Herberthshof, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per P. Waldemar, 4th Nov., 9 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver (B.C.) (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Empress of India, 4th Nov., 5 p.m.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STRENGTH.
Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344, P. Semblil, 12th Oct.—Sandakan 6th Oct., Gen. and Timber—M. & Co.

Daigi Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,568, H. Murayama, 18th Oct.—Swatow 17th Oct., Gen.—O. & K.

Daigi Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,789, K. Koyashiki, 17th Oct.—Wakamatsu 12th Oct., Coal—M. B. K.

Haitan, Br. s.s., 1,183, J. S. Roach, 18th Oct.—Const Ports 17th Oct., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Hong Wan, C. s.s., 2,000, J. Mason, 11th Oct.—Singapore 12th Oct., Gen.—Joo Fok Sang.

Hopsang, Br. s.s., 1,350, J. M. Hay, 16th Oct.—Sui Tai 8th Oct., Sugar—J. M. & Co.

Keong Wai, Ger. s.s., 1,777, F. N. Nijssen, 5th Oct.—Bangkok 26th Sept. and Swatow 4th Oct., Rice—B. & S.

Kutsang, Br. s.s., 1,480, R. C. D. Bradley, 15th Oct.—Moji 4th Oct., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Loong Sang, Br. s.s., 1,093, Leask, 17th Oct.—Manila 14th Oct., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Lucifer, Br. s.s., 4,100, J. Mathis, 17th Oct.—Manila 15th Oct., Gen.—Bank Line.

Magallanes, Br. s.s., 1,375, Adolf Trezbal, 25th Sept.—Manila 14th Oct., Jorgo y Chin.

Matsang, Br. s.s., 1,344, Weigall, 17th Oct.—Sandakan 12th Oct., Timber and Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Marie, Ger. s.s., 1,169, Schalkke, 7th Oct.—Saigon 2nd Oct., Rice and Gen.—J. & Co.

Mathilde, Ger. s.s., 831, Uldrup, 18th Oct.—Swatow 17th Oct., Gen.—S. T. & Co.

On Sang, Br. s.s., 1,747, A. G. Smith, 18th Oct.—Chinvaungtau 11th Oct., Coal—O. E. & M. Co.

Persia, Am. s.s., 2,744, A. Lockett, 11th Oct.—San Francisco 8th Sept.—Gen.—P. M. S. Co.

Ponglong, Br. s.s., 997, W. Boteluh, 9th Oct.—Bangkok 25th Sept. Rice and Timber—B. & S.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE.

Selling.

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60 d/s	1/9 18/16
T/T Shanghai	1/9 18/16
T/T Singapore	1/9 18/16
T/T Japan	1/9 18/16
T/T India	1/9 18/16
Demand India	1/9 18/16
T/T San Francisco and New York	45 1/2
T/T Java	1/9 18/16
T/T Manila	1/9 18/16
T/T France	1/9 18/16
4 m/s. L/C	1/10 3/10
4 m/s. D/P	1/10 3/10
6 m/s. L/C	1/10 3/10
30 d/s. Sydney & Melbourne	1/10 7/10
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	44 1/2
1 m/s. Marks	1/10 3/10
1 m/s. France	1/10 3/10
6 m/s. do.	1/10 3/10
Bar Silver	2.44
Bank of England rate	2.44
Sovereign	11.05

SHIPPING NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

American (Korea) 20th inst.
U.S. (Shinyo Maru) 24th inst.
American (China) 7th prox.
American (Mandarin) 17th prox.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. Baglow, which left here on the 21st ult., at 10 a.m. arrived at Genoa on the 17th inst., at 3 p.m.

The E. & A. str. St. Albans left Manila yesterday at 4 p.m. and is due here on the 20th inst., at 4 p.m.

The O. P. R. Co.'s R.M.S. Empress of India arrived at Yokohama yesterday, at 2 p.m., and left again at 4 p.m., same day for Kobe, where she is due to-day at 4 p.m.

ARRIVALS.

Paklat, Ger. s.s., 1,018, J. Wenzel, 18th Oct.—Cebu 18th Oct., Ballast—B. & S.

Astraea, H.M. cruiser, 4,360, E. B. Kiddie, 18th Oct.—Yokohama 12th Oct.

Anglin, Ger. s.s., 1,001, Chr. Kumpel, 18th Oct.—Sourabaya 6th Oct., Sugar—B. & S.

Linan, Br. s.s., 1,350, C. O. Williams, 18th Oct.—Shanghai 15th Oct., Gen.—B. & S.

Yatsing, Br. s.s., 1,424, S. J. Payne, 18th Oct.—Chiriban (Java) 10th Oct., Sugar—J. M. & Co.

Chip Shing, Br. s.s., 1,199, Mooney, 19th Oct.—Canton 18th Oct., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Drugar, Nor. s.s., 1,102, J. Bing, 19th Oct.—Bangkok and Swatow 9th Oct., Gen.—Kin Tay Loong.

Kueichow, Br. s.s., 1,250, E. Forsyth, 19th Oct.—Tientsin 12th Oct., Gen.—B. & S.

Yorck, Ger. s.s., 5,116, J. Rander, 19th Oct.—Hamburg 7th Sept. and Singapore 14th Oct., Mail and Gen.—M. & Co.

Sabine Rickmers, Dutch s.s., 573, D. E. Boere, 19th Oct.—Canton 18th Oct., Ballast—A. P. Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Soshimaru, for Swatow.
Sabine Rickmers, for Canton.
Kueichow, for Canton.
Daigimaru, for Canton.
Daigimaru, for Wakeham.
Persia, for Shanghai.
Linan, for Canton.
Laertes, for Saigon.
Chenau, for Shanghai.
Welch Prince, for Singapore.
Taiyuan, for Manila.

DEPARTED.

Soshimaru, for Amoy.
Fooksang, for Shanghai.
Eclipse, for New York.
Johanne, for Saigon.
Taiyuan, for Sydney.
Chenau, for Shanghai.
Hangrang, for Shanghai.
Michael Jacobson, for Haiphong.
Laertes, for Saigon.

DON'T FORGET.

Saturday, October 21.
Concert, Mount Austin.

Saturday, October 28.
Dedication of Chapel at St. Paul's College by Bishop Landor.
2.45 p.m. Opening of new rooms by H.E. the Governor, 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 1.
Licensing Board Meeting.

Thursday, November 2.
Szeong Rampant annual general meeting, 8 A. Des Voeux Road, 4.30 p.m.

Friday, November 3.
Cathedral Choir Concert.

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